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VA Greater Los Angeles Healthcare System
Sepulveda & West Los Angeles Division
Geriatric, Research, Education, Clinical Ctr.
VA HSR&D, Career Development Awardee/RAND
Staff Physician

UCLA
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Division of Geriatrics
Assistant Professor

Primary Research Interests:

- Long-term care
- Quality of care for vulnerable elders
- Identifying elders at risk for functional decline

Primary Research Methodologies:

- Clinical and social epidemiology, Health services research, including economics, Interventional and behavioral research, Measurement

Primary Teaching Activities:

- VA GRECC

Current Aging-related Research Interests:

- Geriatric Syndromes, Health Services Research, Policy, Epidemiology, Quality of Life, Rehabilitation

Current Research and Training Grants in Aging:

- Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Evaluation of the Minimum Data Set for Nursing Homes. \$2,118,631, 4/2003 – 11/2004, Principal Investigator, 500-00-0027 (RAND HE 702).
- Veterans Administration Health Services Research and Development, Nursing Home to Hospital Transfers: Effect of Nursing Home Quality of Care, \$426,000, 7/2002 – 7/2005, Principal Investigator.

Recent Publications:

- Saliba D, Elliott M, Rubenstein LZ, Solomon DH, Wong L, Keesey J, Young RT, Kamberg CJ, MacLean CH, Shekelle PG, Sloss EM, Wenger NS. The Vulnerable Elders Survey (VES-13): A Tool for Identifying Vulnerable Elders in the Community. *Journal of the American Geriatrics Society*, December 2001; 49(12): 1691-1699.
- Saliba D, Schnelle J. Indicators of the Quality of Nursing Home Residential Care. *Journal of the American Geriatrics Society*, August 2002; 50(8): 1421-1430. (Accompanying editorial: Mueller C. J of Amer Geriatric Soc, 2002; 50: 1458-1460)
- Saliba D, Rubenstein LV, Simon B, Hickey E, Ferrell B, Czarnowski E, Berlowitz D. Adherence to Pressure Ulcer Prevention Guidelines: Implications for Nursing Home Quality. *Journal of the American Geriatrics Society*, 2003; 51(1) 56-62.

Clinical Work:

- Staff physician, VAMC Department of Medicine, GRECC

Community or Volunteer Service Relevant to Aging:

- American Geriatrics Society: Clinical Practice Committee; Guideline Reviewer; author, patient information brochure on Diabetes in Elders (2003); reviewer, Patient information brochure on Neuropathy (2003).